

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) A method for inhibiting *Helicobacter pylori* adhesion comprising administering to a subject a food to which 0.5% by mass or more a product of browning reaction of sugar and protein is incorporated.

16. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 15, wherein the protein is at least one member selected from the group consisting of plant proteins derived from wheat, barley, rice, corn, soybeans, or red beans, and animal proteins derived from milk, eggs, fish, or meat.

17. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 15, wherein the sugar is at least one member selected from the group consisting of D-glucose, D-fructose, D-mannose, D-galactose, D-xylose, L-arabinose, D-ribose and lactose.

18. (Previously Presented) A method for inhibiting *Helicobacter pylori* adhesion comprising administering to a subject an effective amount of a product of browning reaction of sugar and protein, and an inhibitor of gastric-acid secretion.

19. (Currently Amended) A method for treating diseases associated with *Helicobacter pylori* comprising administering to a subject having such disease an effective amount of a product of browning reaction of sugar and protein.

20. (Previously Presented) A method for treating disease associated with *Helicobacter pylori* comprising administering to a subject having such disease an effective amount of a product of browning reaction of sugar and protein, and an inhibitor of gastric-acid secretion.

21. (Currently Amended) A method for treating diseases associated with *Helicobacter pylori* comprising administering to a subject an effective amount of a product of browning reaction of sugar and protein, and other substances ~~capable of eradicating~~ which eradicate *Helicobacter pylori*.

22. (New) The method according to claim 15, wherein a food to which 23% by mass or more a product of browning reaction of sugar and protein is incorporated is administered to the subject.

23. (New) The method according to claim 15, wherein a food to which 40% by mass or more a product of browning reaction of sugar and protein is incorporated is administered to the subject.

24. (New) The method according to claim 15, wherein the subject has been infected with *Helicobacter pylori*.